

Membership classifications	Pathways to Membership	
<p><b>Full Members</b></p> <p>Members joining through the Vocational and Qualification pathways are full members. Full members are able to stand for office, submit resolutions and vote within the Association. Members who joined through the Vocational and Qualifications pathways may also call Special General Meetings.</p> <p>Full members are required to submit Informed and declared commitment to the Code of Ethics, a Working with Children Check, and 3 referees.</p>	<p><b>1. Vocational pathway</b></p> <p>Completion of a (minimum one year) <b>Diploma</b> in Youth Work, including at least 180 hours of Supervised Placement in a youth work setting AND <b>two (2)</b> years full time practice as a youth worker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Completion of a <b>Certificate IV</b> in Youth Work including at least 120 hours of Supervised Placement in a youth work setting AND <b>three (3)</b> years full time practice as a youth worker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Completion of an Approved <b>Degree in a cognate field</b>, AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>one (1)</b> year full time practice in a youth work role with Professional Supervision OR</li> <li>• <b>one (1)</b> year full time practice in a youth work role with ten days Professional Development with Youth Work-informed content OR</li> <li>• <b>two (2)</b> years full time practice in a youth work role.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2. Pathway by youth work qualification</b></p> <p>Approved <b>youth work degree</b> including at least 400 hours of Supervised Practicum Placement; AND either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Six months</b> full time practice as a youth worker with Professional Supervision: OR;</li> <li>• <b>One (1)</b> year full time practice as a youth worker.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Two year <b>Diploma</b> or <b>Advanced Diploma</b> in Youth Work AND either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>one (1)</b> years full time practice in a youth work role with Professional Supervision. OR</li> <li>• <b>one (1)</b> years full time practice in a youth work role with ten days Professional Development with Youth Work-informed content OR</li> <li>• <b>two (2)</b> years full time practice in a youth work role.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>3. Portfolio pathway</b></p> <p>Potential members who do not meet the relevant criteria may apply for Full Membership through the submission of a portfolio as prescribed by the Association. The portfolio may be written or video recorded, or may be conducted by interview.</p>	
<p><b>Associate Members</b></p> <p>Members joining through the Student and Associate pathway have Associate membership status. They are required to assent to the Code of Ethics. They do not have voting powers and cannot stand for office, but make an important contribution to subcommittees, campaigns and the general work of the Association.</p>	<p><b>4. Student Member pathway</b></p> <p>A person may be deemed eligible for membership as a Student Member if they are currently enrolled in an approved Youth Work qualification, or have been a youth work student but have not yet met other criteria for full membership.</p>	<p><b>5. Associate member pathway</b></p> <p>Do not need to hold an approved qualification or be working in the youth work sector.</p>